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The University of Montana soccer club took the team title of the Eastern Montana Invitational Soccer Tournament in Billings last weekend.

The UM club, which went undefeated in capturing the Northwest Soccer League's championship last fall, whipped South Dakota 9-1 in the championship game of the Billing's tourney. Montana reached the championship game of the double elimination tournament with a 9-0 victory over South Dakota and a 5-1 triumph over Montana State.

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After the/loss to UM, the South Dakota school recorded victories over Eastern Montana, 4-2, Northern Colorado, 1-0, and Montana State, 4-1, to advance to the final game.

UM's Ravi Thapa was the tournament's scoring champ. He totaled nine goals and registered a three-goal hat trick in each of Montana's games. Eddo Fluri scored six goals for the UM squad.

Goaltenders Rich Hoops and Mike Pantalone were the defensive standouts for Montana. They limited the opposition to two goals, while the offense was racking up a total of 23 scores.

The three wins raised the UM squad's record to 8-6. A spokesman for the team said that the spring competition is mostly for fun and that the matches are exhibitions.

The UM booters have been on the road every weekend, playing such teams as Brigham Young, the University of Washington and Seattle Pacific. The group has logged more than 5000 miles this spring.

This weekend Utah State, a team Montana defeated 5-2 in an earlier match, will be in town for Saturday and Sunday matches against the Montana club.

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